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TO: Internal File

THRU: Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor

FROM: James D. Smith, Environmental Scientist

RE: Technical Field Visit, Phase 2 Reclamation Construction, PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, C/015/017

Other Attendees: Dennis Oakley, Chuck Semborski

Date & Time: May 22, 2003, 9:32 AM to 1:16 AM

PURPOSE: Weekly field visit to a site being reclaimed.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. The weather was sunny and warm.
2. Asphalt has been stripped from the main access road down to the old coal pile area, where the road turns into the canyon.
3. Filling, regrading, contouring, and pocking along the main access road is progressing. Seed and hydrolmulch are being applied as areas become ready.
4. Waste coal was used as fill for road construction, and there are areas where more waste is being found than was anticipated. Waste at the old coal pile, at the entry to the canyon, is up to 30 feet thick. Where possible, substitute-soil material is being recovered along the inside edge of the road before the waste is placed against the road cut. There may be a change order to recover soil from the inside of the switchback, by the main gate.

TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT

5. The cattle trail has been improved by clearing brush, rock, and also non-coal waste left from mine operations. Several water bars have been built. Tom Lloyd of the USFS has been apprised of the work on the trail. Construction of the lower part of the trail will be done when road reclamation reaches the point where the trail is to leave the road.
6. The reclaimed Little Dove - Beehive pad area and adjacent water tank and substation areas were checked for growth from seeding done last year. Coarse grasses are doing well - especially in the bottoms of the pocks - and fairly widespread. Fine grasses – possibly Indian ricegrass from the applied seed mix - are sprouting, although the sprouts are very sparse in some areas, numerous in others.
7. Photos are temporarily at O:/015017.Des-Bee-Dove/Images/05222003: permanent location will be M:/Files/Coal/Permits/015/C0150017/Images/05222003.

RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:

Reclamation work appears to be following the MRP. There are no recommendations at this time, other than continuing inspections on a weekly basis.